

*Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge #1839*



December 2022

## A Word From Our Exalted Ruler- Carl Wolfram

The Holiday season is here, ready or not. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and did not overeat.

Here is a quick update on the installation of our new kitchen equipment. The old equipment is out, and the new wall backing FRP is up. All the new equipment is in, and we should have it installed by December 9.

Don't forget we have our Christmas Dinner and Dance on December 10. Tickets can be purchased at the bar. You will have a choice of Prime Rib or Salmon. Please get your tickets by December 8, so we know how many are coming. Let's make this a fun night for all.

Elks are known for their charitable giving during the Holiday season. We are collecting gifts for disadvantaged children, which will be given out with the Banning Chamber of Commerce giveaway. So be sure to bring in a small gift and drop it off in the box provided in our dining room. Also, don't forget the Purple Pig donations. It's a worthwhile state project.

Delene, Greg, and I attended the Mid-Term in Burbank, CA. Most of our time was spent in meetings. However, it was also a chance for us to meet with other Elks, share ideas, and socialize with many.

I know we are all busy during the Holiday Season, but don't forget to stop by the lodge. We are trying to stay open four days a week, but it takes your participation.

If I don't see you before Christmas or New Year, Beverly and I wish you a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Exalted Ruler Carl Wolfram

## House Committee



Where has the year gone? Our House Committee has worked hard to make our Lodge an inviting space to come and enjoy friendship, food, and fun with our fellow lodge members. So many people have volunteered their time and finances to make the lodge the best it can be. Take a moment this month to thank those members who serve, clean, shop, wait tables, and plan the events and dinners each week at #1839. They deserve a big round of applause. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Christmas Dinner and Dance on December 10th for \$25. You get your choice of Prime Rib or Salmon, and Johnny Crockett will be on hand with music to get your feet moving.

Joyce Bryant will raise funds for the Scholarship Program with some wonderful donated items you can make your own. Hope to see you there. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge #1839.

## HELP WANTED

We still need a Cook for our Dinners on Fridays and occasional Tuesdays and Special Events. If you know anyone who would be a great fit please contact Delene Gonzales or Carl Wolfram.

## ELKS GRATITUDE GRANT

This month, our lodge was approved for the ENF Gratitude Grant for \$2000 to be donated to Carols Kitchen. This community food pantry serves hot meals throughout the week in Beaumont, Banning, and Cabazon. This grant was designed to assist those community service organizations that remained open during COVID to fulfill a specific need in the Banning-Beaumont Pass area. Thank you to all our members who give to the ENF programs throughout the year. The donation will be presented in early December.

## Officer Nominations in January

If you are interested in serving as an officer for the lodge, please contact ER Carl Wolfram. It's a small time commitment crucial to the operation of the Lodge.

## Christmas Giving

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Winter Wish Fundraiser. Leading Knight Delene Gonzales presented a check from the Elks Lodge for \$300 to be used towards gifts for children in the Beaumont area. We are continuing our Toy Drive for the children in the Banning Area until December 8th. The collection box is located on the hearth in the Lodge Dining Area. Please consider donating an unwrapped gift for a boy or a girl and make their holiday bright.



## November Lodge Meeting

Congratulations to those recognized at our November Lodge Meeting for their charitable giving to our Major State Project Purple Pig donation program.

Carl Wolfram, Joyce Bryant, Greg Gonzales, Delene Gonzales, Brian Morrissey, and Jackie Solomon ( Not Pictured)



## What's Happening in December?

- 6-Spaghetti Dinner Night
- 7-Wednesday Happy Hour @ 2 pm
  - Board of Directors Meeting @ 5 pm (Bar closes at 4:45 pm)
- 8-Thursday Happy Hour with Johnny Crockett @ 2 pm
  - Toy Drive Deadline
- 9-Dinner and music by Frank Lenz
- 10-Elks Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance Tickets \$25 at the Bar
- 13-Taco Tuesday
- 14-Wednesday Happy Hour @2 pm
  - Lodge Meeting @ 6 pm Bar closes at 5:45 pm
- 15-Thursday Happy Hour and Karaoke @ 2 pm
- 16-Friday Dinner with Frank Lenz
- 20- Dinner at 5 pm
- 21-Wednesday Happy Hour
- 22-Thursday Happy Hour with Johnny Crockett
- 23- Dinner and music by Frank Lenz
- 27- Tuesday Dinner
- 28-Wednesday Happy Hour
  - House Committee Meeting @ 4 pm
- 29- Thursday Happy Hour with Karaoke @2pm
- 30- Friday Dinner with Frank Lenz

